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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/591,625	<b>Applicant(s)</b> CHO ET AL.	
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#### Period for Reply

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 September 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-45 have been examined.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 10/26/06 is being considered by the examiner.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter AAPA) in view of Kruegel U.S. Pub. No. 20050047598 (hereinafter Kruegel) and further in view of Newkirk U.S. Pub. No. 20050047600 (hereinafter Newkirk).

5. As per claim 1-45, AAPA discloses a method of rekeying traffic key in 802.16 WMAN where keys are distributed unilaterally through key request and key response messages between subscriber station and base station (AAPA: Specification pages 2-3). AAPA does not explicitly disclose multicasting or broadcasting rekey materials from base station to a group of subscribers by keeping track key schedule/cryptographic period so as to allow the base station to

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automatically update keys for a group of subscriber stations. However, Kruegel discloses those limitations (Kruegel: [0026]-[0027]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in art to rekey subscriber stations through multicast messages in radio network because they are analogous art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Kruegel within the system of AAPA because it improves the efficiency of key management.

AAPA as modified does not explicitly disclose encrypting traffic key during rekey process. However, Newkirk discloses encrypting rekeying traffic key to protect key material (Newkirk: [0030]). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to protect rekey materials from interception by using key-encryption method because they are analogous art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to combine the teachings of Newkirk within the combination of AAPA-Kruegel because it is well known in the art to protect key materials from interception by encryption.

Applicant is welcome to contact the examiner to reduce matter and focus on inventive concept to expedite prosecution.

### ***Conclusion***

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

**Kellil** et al. U.S. Pub. No. 20070143600 discloses a method of rekeying in secure mobile multicast communication that essentially disclose the limitations of claims 1-45. However, Kellil

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is not applied in prior art rejection because its publication date is later than foreign priority date as claimed by applicant. Nevertheless, applicant is advised to consider Kellil as Kellil has earlier international priority date than present application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHIN-HON CHEN whose telephone number is (571)272-3789. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William R. Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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